# **Annual Financial Statements**

BMO Harris Private Portfolios

December 31, 2014

BMO Harris U.S. Special Equity Portfolio



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the Unitholders of

BMO Harris Canadian Money Market Portfolio
BMO Harris Canadian Special Growth Portfolio
BMO Harris U.S. Equity Portfolio
BMO Harris International Equity Portfolio
BMO Harris U.S. Growth Portfolio
BMO Harris Canadian Income Equity Portfolio
BMO Harris Canadian Short-Term Bond Portfolio
(formerly BMO Harris Canadian Growth Equity Portfolio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each of the Portfolios, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of each of the Portfolios in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements of each of the Portfolios based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material BMO Harris Canadian Conservative Equity Portfolio
BMO Harris Canadian Mid-Term Bond Portfolio
(formerly BMO Harris Canadian Total Return Bond Portfolio)
BMO Harris Canadian Corporate Bond Portfolio
BMO Harris Diversified Yield Portfolio
BMO Harris Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio
BMO Harris U.S. Special Equity Portfolio

(collectively the "Portfolios")

misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in each of our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of each of the Portfolios present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the Portfolios as at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 and the financial performance and cash flows of each of the Portfolios for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants Toronto, Ontario March 31, 2015

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

As at	December 31 2014	December 31 2013	January 1 2013
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	4,809	7,678	1,704
Investments			
Non-derivative financial assets	191,146	160,011	29,771
Receivable for investments sold	1,468	1,365	15
Subscriptions receivable	109	124	4
Dividends receivable	125	50	2
Total assets	197,657	169,228	31,496
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payable for investments purchased	116	3,330	646
Redemptions payable	37	25	5
Accrued expenses	487	415	96
Total liabilities	640	3,770	747
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable			
units	197,017	165,458	30,749
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable			
units per unit	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.10	\$ 4.68

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per unit data)

For the periods ended	December 31 2014	December 31 2013
Income		
Interest income	0	_
Dividend income	1,229	314
Other changes in fair value of investments and derivatives		
Net realized gain	14,796	13,133
Change in unrealized appreciation	708	26,793
Net gain in fair value of investments and derivatives	16,733	40,240
Securities lending	458	128
Foreign exchange gain	591	316
Total other income	1,049	444
Total income	17,782	40,684
Expenses		
Sub-advisory fees	1,169	725
Audit fees	6	6
Independent review committee fees	1	2
Withholding taxes	972	60
Custodian fees	22	35
Legal and filing fees	38	20
Unitholder servicing fees	228	218
Printing and stationery fees	7	8
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs (note 6)	452	403
Operating expenses absorbed by the Manager	(312)	(172)
Total expenses	2,583	1,305
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	15,199	39,379
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 3)	0.62	2.31

## BMO Harris U.S. Special Equity Portfolio

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS

(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	December 31 2014	December 31 2013
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at beginning of period	165,458	30,749
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	15,199	39,379
Distributions to holders of redeemable units		
From net investment income	(3,877)	_
Return of capital	(19)	—
Total distributions paid to holders of redeemable units	(3,896)	_
Redeemable unit transactions		
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	48,273	128,079
Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	3,355	—
Redemption of redeemable units	(31,372)	(32,749)
Net increase from redeemable unit transactions	20,256	95,330
Net increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	31,559	134,709
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units at end of period	197,017	165,458

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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(All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the periods ended	December 31 2014	December 31 2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	15,199	39,379
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange gain on cash	(22)	(316)
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	(14,796)	(13,133)
Change in unrealized (appreciation) of investments and derivatives	(708)	(26,793)
Increase in dividends receivable	(75)	(48)
Increase in accrued expenses	72	319
Purchases of investments	(154,424)	(179,513)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	135,476	90,533
Net cash from operating activities	(19,278)	(89,572)
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	(541)	_
Proceeds from issuances of redeemable units	48,288	127,959
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(31,360)	(32,729)
Net cash used in financing activities	16,387	95,230
Foreign exchange gain on cash	22	316
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(2,891)	5,658
Cash at beginning of year	7,678	1,704
Cash at end of year	4,809	7,678
Supplementary Information		
Supplementary Information Dividends received, net of withholding taxes*	331	225
*These items are from operating activities	166	225

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2014 (All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted)

Courity	Number of	Cost+	Fair Value
Security	Shares or Units	(\$)	(\$)
Equities			
Consumer Discretionary — 16.2%			
Columbia Sportswear Company	29,913	1,423	1,548
Francesca's Holdings Corp	47,400	799	920
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc.	108,841	2,018	2,496
Libbey Inc.	86,473	2,466	3,159
LifeLock, Inc.	108,030	1,656	2,323
M/I Homes, Inc.	111,440	2,438	2,973
Motorcar Parts of America, Inc.	35,980	1,088	1,300
New Media Investment Group Inc.	75,049	1,099	2,060
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc.	11,700	662	1,046
Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.	16,264	1,174	1,814
TRI Pointe Homes, Inc.	299,775	5,012	5,311
UCP, Inc., Class A	82,637	1,268	1,008
Vince Holding Corp.	46,907	1,511	1,424
William Lyon Homes, Class A	151,448	3,884	3,567
Winnebago Industries Inc.	39,400	1,137	996
		27,635	31,945
Consumer Staples — 0.8%			
Hain Celestial Group, Inc., The,	24,400	940	1,652
Energy — 4.4%			
Bellatrix Exploration Ltd.	1,440,708	10,833	6,093
Gaslog Ltd.	86,700	1,808	2,050
Independence Contract Drilling Inc.	66,947	788	406
		13,429	8,549
Financials — 12.9%			
Actua Corp.	116,764	1,705	2,506
GAIN Capital Holdings, Inc.	382,241	3,729	4,006
Home BancShares, Inc.	58,600	1,921	2,189
LaSalle Hotel Properties	63,100	1,898	2,967
New Senior Investment Group Inc.	273,878	6,435	5,234
Newcastle Investment Corporation	205,278	1,055	1,071
PICO Holdings, Inc.	215,835	4,905	4,727
Summit Hotel Properties, Inc.	183,851	1,872	2,657
	,	23,520	25,357
Health Care — 24.9%			
ABIOMED, Inc.	47,892	1,110	2,118
Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.	46,000	1,869	3,271
Akorn, Inc.	69,300	1,764	2,915
AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	108,811	2,512	5,388
Cancer Genetics, Inc.	77,107	1,377	598
Centene Corporation	20,500	1,221	2,473
DexCom, Inc.	35,200	979	2,475
Endologix, Inc.	70,600	1,085	1,254
Globus Medical, Inc., Class A	80,419	1,675	2,221
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HealthSouth Corporation	50,100	1,788	2,239

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (cont'd)** As at December 31, 2014 (All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted)

	Number of	Cost+	Fair Value
Security	Shares or Units	(\$)	(\$)
Horizon Pharma Plc	177,610	2,360	2,660
ICON Public Limited Company	39,300	1,566	2,328
Lannett Co. Inc.	31,095	1,429	1,549
Medicines Company, The,	24,698	824	794
Myriad Genetics, Inc.	37,800	1,204	1,496
NPS Pharmaceuticals	36,389	1,027	1,512
NxStage Medical, Inc.	135,600	1,958	2,825
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	22,870	1,346	2,356
PAREXEL International Corporation	37,400	1,757	2,414
Spectranetics Corporation	59,600	1,904	2,394
Thoratec Corp.	23,716	844	894
Unilife Corporation	514,194	1,588	2,001
		34,296	49,059
Industrials — 12.3%			
Acacia Research Corporation	323,202	6,783	6,361
Actuant Corporation	28,200	970	892
Advisory Board Company, The,	40,800	2,203	2,322
Barnes Group Inc.	54,899	2,034	2,361
Continental Building Products, Inc.	62,500	1,047	1,287
Hexcel Corporation	61,000	2,215	2,940
Lennox International Inc.	16,500	1,224	1,823
MiX Telematics Limited, ADR	211,015	2,679	1,594
On Assignment, Inc.	64,612	1,855	2,491
Watsco, Inc.	17,600	1,662	2,188
		22,672	24,259
Information Technology — 21.2%			
Aruba Networks Inc.	107,414	2,152	2,269
Aspen Technology Inc.	59,676	2,045	2,428
CalAmp Corp.	94,441	1,568	2,008
Cardtronics, Inc.	70,100	2,334	3,142
Criterio SA, ADR	59,880	2,254	2,812
Endurance International Group Holdings, Inc.	93,530	1,651	2,003
Fleetmatics Group Limited PLC	57,503	2,019	2,371
Insulet Corporation	33,500	1,102	1,793
Internap Coporation	224,613	1,697	2,077
LogMein, Inc.	45,800	2,248	2,625
Manhattan Associates, Inc.	47,173	1,607	2,232
Marin Software Incorporated	251,460	3,019	2,472
MAXIMUS, Inc.	42,400	1,801	2,701
Microsemi Corporation	42,100	1,000	1,388
Proofpoint, Inc.	42,501	1,202	2,381
Rubincon Project Inc., The,	103,208	1,641	1,935
Ruckus Wireless, Inc.	114,644	1,704	1,601
SYNNEX Corporation	18,600	1,387	1,689
Virtusa Corporation	39,500	1,534	1,912
		33,965	41,839

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (cont'd)

As at December 31, 2014 (All amounts in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted)

Security	Number of Shares or Units	Cost+ (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
Telecommunication Services — 4.3%			
8x8, Inc.	144,000	1,244	1,532
inContact, Inc.	680,920	5,579	6,954
		6,823	8,486
Total Investment Portfolio — 97.0%		163,280	191,146
Other Assets Less Liabilities — 3.0%			5,871
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS $-$ 100.0%			197,017

+ Where applicable, distributions received from holdings as a return of capital are used to reduce the adjusted cost base of the securities in the portfolio

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1.The Portfolio

BMO Harris U.S. Special Equity Portfolio ("the Portfolio") is an open-ended mutual fund trust established by a Declaration of Trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario, most recently amended on May 7, 2014. BMO Harris Investment Management Inc. ("the Manger") is the Manager of the Portfolio. The address of the Portfolio's registered office is 1 First Canadian Place, 41st Floor, Toronto, Ontario.

The information provided in these annual financial statements is as at and for the periods ended December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and opening Statement of Financial Position as at January 1, 2013.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Manager on March 11, 2015.

## 2.Basis of preparation and presentation

These annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The Portfolio has adopted this basis of accounting effective January 1, 2014 as required by Canadian securities legislation and the Canadian Accounting Standards Board. Previously the Portfolio prepared its financial statements in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as defined in Part V of the Chartered Professional Accountant ("CPA") Handbook (Canadian GAAP). The Portfolio has consistently applied the accounting policies used in the preparation of their opening IFRS statements of financial position at January 1, 2013 and throughout all periods presented as if these policies had always been in effect.

As required under IFRS, the Portfolio has:

- provided comparative financial information including an opening balance sheet as at the transition date
- retroactively applied all IFRS, other than in respect of elections taken under IFRS 1; and
- applied all mandatory exceptions as applicable for the first-time adopters of IFRS.

Note 8 contains reconciliations and descriptions of the effects of the transition to IFRS on the Portfolio's reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

## 3.Summary of significant accounting policies Financial instruments

The Portfolio records financial instruments at fair value. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The Portfolio's investments are either designated at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") at inception or classified as held for trading. The changes in the investment fair values and related transaction costs are recorded in the Portfolio's Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future, or on initial recognition, are part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Portfolio manages together and that have a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking. The Portfolio classifies all derivatives and short positions as held for trading. The Portfolio does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

The Portfolio designates all other investments at FVTPL, as they have reliably measurable fair values, are part of a group of financial assets or liabilities that are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Portfolio's investment strategy.

The Portfolio's outstanding redeemable units, which are puttable instruments, are entitled to a contractual obligation of annual distribution of any net income and net realized capital gains by the Portfolio. This annual distribution can be in cash at the option of the unitholders, and therefore the ongoing redemption feature is not the redeemable units' only contractual obligation. Consequently, the units of the Portfolio do not meet the conditions to be classified as equity and therefore are classified as financial liabilities and presented at the redemption amounts.

All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Under this method, financial assets and liabilities reflect the amount required to be received or paid or discounted, when appropriate, at the contract's effective interest rate.

The Portfolio has determined that it meets the definition of "investment entity" and as a result, it measures subsidiaries other than those which provide services to the Portfolio, at FVTPL.

#### **Cost of investments**

The cost of investments represents the amount paid for each security and is determined on an average cost basis.

#### Fair value measurement

Investments are recorded at their fair value with the change between this amount and their average cost

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being recorded as change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For exchange traded securities close prices are considered to be fair value if they fall within the bidask spread. In circumstances where the close price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

Procedures are in place to fair value securities traded in countries outside of North America daily, to avoid stale prices and to take into account among other things, any significant events occurring after the close of a foreign market.

For bonds, debentures, asset-backed securities and other debt securities fair value is represented by bid prices provided by independent security pricing services. Short-term investments, if any, are carried at amortized cost which approximates fair value. Unlisted warrants, if any, are valued based on a pricing model which considers factors such as the market value of the underlying security, strike price and terms of the warrant. Exchange traded funds held as investments are valued at their respective Net Asset Value ("NAV") on each Valuation Date (the "Valuation Date" is each day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for trading), as these values are the most readily and regularly available.

For securities where market quotes are not available, unreliable or not considered to reflect the current value, the Portfolio may determine another value which it considers to be fair and reasonable, or using a valuation technique that, to the extent possible, makes maximum use of inputs and assumptions based on observable market data including volatility, comparable companies and other applicable rates or prices. These estimation techniques include discounted cash flows, internal models that utilize observable data or comparisons with other securities that are substantially similar. In limited circumstances, the Portfolio uses internal models where the inputs are not based on observable market data.

The Portfolio's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are aligned with the valuation policies used in measuring its NAV for transactions with unitholders.

#### **Derivative instruments**

Derivative instruments are financial contracts that derive their value from underlying changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates or other financial or commodity prices or indices.

Derivative instruments are either regulated exchangetraded contracts or negotiated over-the-counter contracts. The Portfolio may use these instruments for trading purposes, as well as to manage the Portfolio's risk exposures.

Derivatives are marked to fair value. Discussion of the fair value measurement of derivatives is included in Note 3. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Forward currency contracts

A forward currency contract is an agreement between two parties (the Portfolio and the counterparty) to purchase or sell a currency against another currency at a set price on a future date. The Portfolio may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes which can include the hedging of all or a portion of the currency exposure of an investment or group of investments, either directly or indirectly. The Portfolio may also enter into these contracts for non-hedging purposes which can include increasing the exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one country to another. The value of forward currency contracts entered into by the Portfolio is recorded as the difference between the value of the contract on the Valuation Date and the value on the date the contract originated.

#### **Income recognition**

Dividend income and distributions from investment trust units are recognized on the ex-dividend and exdistribution date, respectively.

Interest income from interest bearing investments is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate. Interest receivable is shown in the Statement of Financial Position is accrued based on the interest bearing instruments' stated rates of interest.

Interest on inflation-indexed bonds is paid based on a principal value, which is adjusted for inflation. The inflation adjustment of the principal value is recognized as part of interest income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. If held to maturity, the Portfolio will receive, in addition to a coupon interest payment, a final payment equal to the sum of the par

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value and the inflation compensation accrued from the original issue date. Interest is accrued on each Valuation Date based on the inflation adjusted par value at that time and is included in "Interest income" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## Foreign currency translation

The fair value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the Portfolio's functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at the period-end date. Purchases and sales of investments, and income and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Foreign exchange gains (losses) on completed transactions are included in "Realized gains (losses)" and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) are included in "Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash, receivables and payables are included as "Foreign exchange gain (loss)".

## **Securities lending**

A Portfolio may engage in securities lending pursuant to the terms of an agreement which includes restrictions as set out in Canadian securities legislation. Collateral held is government Treasury Bills and qualified Notes.

Income from securities lending, where applicable, is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and is recognized when earned. The securities on loan continue to be displayed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio. The market value of the securities loaned and collateral held is determined daily. Aggregate values of securities held in trust as at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013, where applicable, are disclosed in Note 8(e).

## Short-term trading penalty

To discourage excessive trading, the Portfolio may, at the Manager's sole discretion, charge a short-term trading penalty. This penalty is paid directly to the Portfolio and is included in "Short-term penalty trading fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## Cash

Cash is comprised of cash and deposits with banks which include banker acceptances and overnight demand deposits. Cash is recorded at amortized cost.

## Other assets and other liabilities

Dividend receivable, interest receivable, distributions form investment trust units receivable, due from broker

and subscriptions receivable are measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Similarly, due to broker, redemptions payable and accrued expenses are initially measured at amortized cost. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature, and are carried at cost or amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

## Increase or decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

"Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

## Taxation

The Portfolio qualifies as a unit trust under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Distributions of all net taxable income and sufficient amounts of net realized capital gains for each taxation year will be paid to unitholders so that the Portfolio will not be subject to income tax. As a result, the Portfolio has determined that it is in substance not taxable and therefore nor does it not record income taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and or recognize any deferred tax assets in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Portfolio incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis with the related withholding taxes are shown separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## Investments in associates, joint ventures and subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Portfolio has control through its exposure or rights to variable returns from its investment and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Portfolio has determined that it is an investment entity and as such, it accounts for subsidiaries at fair value. Joint ventures are those where the Portfolio exercises joint control through an agreement with other shareholders, and associates are investments in which the Portfolio exerts significant influence over operating, investing, and financing decisions (such as entities in which the Portfolio owns 20% - 50% of voting shares), all of which have been designated at FVTPL.

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### **Unconsolidated structured entities**

The Portfolio invests in securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities.

The Portfolio has determined that its investments in securitizations, asset-backed securities and mortgagedbacked securities are unconsolidated structured entities. The determination is based on the fact that decision making about the securitizations, assetbacked securities and mortgage-backed securities is not governed by the voting right or other similar right held by the Portfolio.

Mortgage-related securities are created from pools of residential or commercial mortgage loans, including mortgage loans made by savings and loan institutions, mortgage bankers, commercial banks and others. Assetbacked securities created from many types of assets, including auto loans, credit card receivables, home equity loans, and student loans.

The Portfolio does not provide and has not committed to providing any additional significant financial information or other support to the unconsolidated structured entities other than its investments in the unconsolidated structured entities. During the periods, the Portfolio had no sponsored unconsolidated structured entities.

Additional information on the Portfolio's interest in unconsolidated structured entities, where applicable, is provided in Note 8.

## Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial instruments are presented at net or gross amounts on the Statement of Financial Position depending on the existence of intention and legal right to offset opposite positions of such instruments held with the same counterparties. Amounts offset in the Statement of Financial Position are transactions for which the Portfolio has legally enforceable rights to offset and intends to settle the positions on a net basis, such as derivative instruments. Amounts not offset in the Statement of Financial Position relate to transactions where a master netting arrangement or similar agreement is in place with a right of offset only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy, or where the offset criteria are otherwise not met. including where the Portfolio has no intention to settling on a net basis. There were no master netting agreements during the period.

### Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted

Below are accounting standards issued or amended but not yet effective and not yet adopted. The Manager does not expect the adoption of these standards or amendments to have a significant impact to the Portfolio's financial statements.

In July 2014, the IASB issued the most recent version of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, which addresses classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting.

The new standard requires assets to be carried at amortized cost, fair value through profit and loss or fair value through comprehensive income based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. The classification and measurement of liabilities remains generally unchanged with the exception of liabilities recorded at fair value through profit and loss. For these liabilities, fair value changes attributable to changes in the entity's own credit risk are to be presented in other comprehensive income unless they affect amounts recorded in income.

The new standard also addresses impairment of financial assets. It also introduced a new hedge accounting model that expands the scope of eligible hedged items and risks eligible for hedge accounting, and aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management.

The new standard is effective for the Portfolio for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. The Portfolio is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.

## 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of judgement in applying the Portfolio's accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgements and estimates that the Portfolio has made in preparing its financial statements:

## Accounting judgements:

## Functional and presentation currency

The Portfolio unitholders are mainly Canadian residents, with the subscriptions and redemptions of the redeemable shares denominated in Canadian dollars. The Portfolio invests in Canadian and U.S. dollars and other foreign denominated securities, as applicable. The performance of the Portfolio is measured and

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reported to the investors in Canadian dollars. The Manager considers the Canadian dollar as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Portfolio's functional and presentation currency.

## Classification of measurement of financial instruments and application of fair value option

In classifying and measuring financial instruments held by the Portfolio, the Manager is required to make significant judgements about whether or not the business of the Portfolio is to invest on a total return basis for the purpose of applying the fair value options for financial assets.

## Accounting estimates:

## Fair value measurement of securities not quoted in an active market

The Portfolio has established policies and control procedures that are intended to ensure these judgements are well controlled, independently reviewed, and consistently applied from period to period. The estimates of the value of the Portfolio's assets and liabilities are believed to be appropriate as at the reporting date.

The Portfolio may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets. Note 3 discusses the estimates used in determining fair value.

## 5. Units and unit transactions

The redeemable units of the Portfolio are classified as liabilities.

The units have no par value and are entitled to distributions, if any. Upon redemption, a unit is entitled to a proportionate share of the Portfolio's NAV. The Portfolio is required to pay distributions in an amount not less than the amount necessary to ensure the Portfolio will not be liable for income taxes. The Portfolio has no restrictions or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of units except as disclosed in Note 8(a). The relevant movements in redeemable units are shown on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units. In accordance with its investment objectives and strategies, and the risk management practices outlined in Note 7, the Portfolio endeavours to invest the subscriptions received in appropriate investments, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions, with such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of investments where necessary.

Redeemable units of the Portfolio are offered for sale on a continuous basis and may be purchased or redeemed on any Valuation Date at the NAV per unit of a particular series. The NAV per unit for the purposes of subscription or redemption is computed by dividing the NAV of the Portfolio (that is, the total fair value of the assets less the liabilities) by the total number of units of the Portfolio outstanding at such time.

## 6.Related party transactions

## (a) Unitholder servicing, sub-advisory commissions and other portfolio transaction costs

The Portfolio is provided with certain facilities and services by affiliates of the Manager. Expenses incurred in the administration of the Portfolio were paid to BMO Trust Company ("the Trustee") and to BMO Asset Management Inc. ("the Registrar") and charged to the Portfolio. These expenses are included in "Unitholder servicing fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The sub-advisors (including affiliates of the Manager, where applicable) engaged by the Manager provide investment advice and make investment decisions for the Portfolio's investment portfolio. For these services the sub-advisors receive sub-advisory fees that are paid monthly by the Manager. These expenses are included in "Sub-advisory fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any sub-advisory fees less than or equal to 0.15% of the net asset value of the Portfolio are absorbed by the Manager.

The Portfolio may execute trades with and or through BMO Nesbit Burns Inc., an affiliate of the Manager based on established standard brokerage agreements at market prices. These fees are included in "Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Refer to Note 8 for related party fees charged to the Portfolio for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

## (b) Other related party transactions

From time to time, the Manager may on behalf of the Portfolio enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries or affiliates of Bank of Montreal group of companies, or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Manager of the Portfolio. These transactions or arrangements may include transactions or arrangements with or involving subsidiaries and

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affiliates of Bank of Montreal group of companies, BMO Trust Company, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., BMO Private Investment Counsel Inc., BMO Asset Management Inc., BMO Asset Management Corp., BMO Investments Inc., Pyrford International Ltd, LGM Investments Limited., F&C Asset Management plc, or other investment funds offered by BMO, and may involve the purchase or sale of portfolio securities through or from a subsidiary or affiliate of Bank of Montreal group of companies, the purchase or sale of securities issued or guaranteed by a member of Bank of Montreal group of companies, entering into forward contracts with a member of Bank of Montreal group of companies acting as counterparty, the purchase or redemption of units of other BMO Harris Private Portfolios or the provision of services to the Manager.

## 7.Financial instrument risk

The Portfolio's activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with the financial instruments, as follows: market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and other market risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The concentration table groups securities by asset type, geographic location and/or market segment. The Portfolio's risk management practice outlines the monitoring of compliance to investment guidelines.

The Manager manages the potential effects of these financial risks on the Portfolio's performance by employing and overseeing professional and experienced portfolio managers that regularly monitor the Portfolio's positions, market events and diversify investment portfolios within the constraints of the investment guidelines.

## (a) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments denominated in currencies, other than the functional currency of the Portfolio, will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Investments in foreign markets are exposed to currency risk as the prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to the Portfolio's functional currency in determining fair value. The Portfolio may enter into forward currency contracts for hedging purposes to reduce foreign currency exposure or to establish exposure to foreign currencies. The Portfolio's exposure to currency risk, if any, is further disclosed in Note 8.

## (b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the Portfolio's interest-bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Portfolio's exposure to interest rate risk is concentrated in its investment in debt securities (such as bonds, money market instruments, short-term investments and debentures) and interest rate derivative instruments, if any. Other assets and liabilities are short-term in nature and/or non-interest bearing. The Portfolio's exposure to interest rate risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

## (c) Other market risk

Other market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in a market. Other assets and liabilities are monetary items that are short-term in nature, as such they are not subject to other market risk. The Portfolio's exposure to other market risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

## (d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. Credit risk exposure for over-the-counter derivative instruments is based on the Portfolio's unrealized gain of the contractual obligations with the counterparty as at the reporting date. The credit exposure of other assets is represented by its carrying amount. The Portfolio's exposure to credit risk, if any, is further discussed in Note 8.

The Portfolio may enter into securities lending transactions with approved counterparties. Credit risk associated with these transactions is considered minimal as all counterparties have a sufficient approved credit rating and the market value of collateral held by the Portfolio must be at least 102% of the fair value of securities loaned, as disclosed in Note 8.

## (e) Liquidity risk

The Portfolio's exposure to liquidity risk is concentrated in the daily cash redemptions of units. The Portfolio primarily invests in securities that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed. In addition, the Portfolio retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent

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positions to maintain liquidity. The Portfolio may, from time to time, enter into over-the-counter derivative contracts or invest in unlisted securities, which are not traded in an organized market and may be illiquid. Securities for which a market quotation could not be obtained and may be illiquid are identified on the Statement of Investment Portfolio. The proportion of illiquid securities to the NAV of the Portfolio is monitored by the Manager to ensure it does not exceed the regulatory limit and does not significantly affect the liquidity required to meet the Portfolio's financial obligations.

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### 8. Portfolio specific information

#### (a) Portfolio information and change in units

The Portfolio's inception date was September 29, 2006.

The number of units of each series that have been issued and are outstanding are disclosed in the table below.

For the periods ended (in thousands of units)	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Units issued and outstanding, beginning		
of period	23,291	6,575
Issued for cash	6,539	21,989
Issued on reinvestment of distributions	438	_
Redeemed during the period	(4,328)	(5,273)
Units issued and outstanding, end of		
period	25,940	23,291

## (b) Reconciliation of NAV to net assets

As at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013, there were no differences between the Fund's NAV per unit and its net assets per unit calculated in accordance with IFRS.

## (c) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 is calculated as follows:

	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,
	2014	2013
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	15,199	39,379
Weighted average units outstanding during the period	24,531	17,013
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	0.62	2.31

#### (d) Income taxes

As at the tax year-ended December 2014, the Portfolio had the following estimated capital and non-capital losses for income tax purposes:

## Total Capital Total Non-

Losses (\$)	Capital Losses (\$)	Non-Capi	tal Losses Th	at Expire in
				2026 and
		2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	thereafter (\$)
29,039	_	_	_	_

#### (e) Related party transactions Unitholder servicing

The related party fees charged for unitholder servicing fees are as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Unitholder servicing (\$)	171	169

#### Brokerage commissions and soft dollars

Brokerage commissions paid on securities transactions and amounts paid to related parties of the Manager for brokerage services provided to the Portfolio for the periods are as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Total brokerage amounts paid (\$)	449	401
Total brokerage amounts paid to related parties (\$)	nil	nil

The Manager may select brokers who charge a commission in "soft dollars" if they determine in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the order execution and research services utilized. The ascertainable soft dollar value of services received as a percentage of total brokerage commissions paid under the soft dollar arrangement entered into by the portfolio advisor for the periods ended is as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Total soft dollars (\$)	121	64
Total soft dollars as a percentage of total commissions (\$)	27	16

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#### (f) Financial instrument risk

The Portfolio's objective is to achieve long term growth through appreciation by investing primarily in smalland mid-sized companies in the U.S. market.

No other changes affecting the overall level of risk of investing in the Portfolio were made during the period.

#### Currency risk

The tables below summarize the Portfolio's exposure to currency risk. Amounts shown are based on the carrying value of monetary and non-monetary assets (including derivatives and the underlying principle (notional) amount of forward currency contracts, if any).

#### As at Dec. 31, 2014

	Cash and other current receivables & payables (\$)	Invest- ments (Monetary & Non- monetary) (\$)	Forward currency contracts (\$)	Net currency exposure (\$)	As a % of Net Assets (%)
U.S. Dollar	6,289	191,146	-	197,435	100.2

All amounts in Canadian Dollars

#### As at Dec. 31, 2013

	Cash and other current receivables & payables (\$)	Invest- ments (Monetary & Non- monetary) (\$)	Forward currency contracts (\$)	Net currency exposure (\$)	As a % of Net Assets (%)
U.S. Dollar	5,763	159,904	-	165,667	100.2

All amounts in Canadian Dollars

#### As at Jan. 1, 2013

current (Mone receivables No & payables mone (\$) (\$	n- ´ currency tary) contracts	currency	As a % of Net Assets (%)
U.S. Dollar 1,075 29,	751 -	30,826	100.3

All amounts in Canadian Dollars

As at the periods ended December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to all foreign currencies, with all factors remaining constant, Net Assets could possibly have decreased or increased, respectively, by approximately \$9,872 (December 31, 2013–\$8,283; January 1, 2013–\$1,541). In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

#### Interest rate risk

As at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 the Portfolio did not have any significant exposure to interest rate risk.

#### Other market risk

The Portfolio has a significant exposure to other market risk arising from its investment in equity securities. Using historical correlation between the Portfolio's return and the return of its Benchmark, if the Benchmark, Russell 2000 Growth Index (CAD), had increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the Net Assets of the Portfolio would have increased or decreased, respectively, by \$15,207 (December 31, 2013 - \$10,822; January 1, 2013 - \$1,847). Historical correlation may not be representative of future correlation, and accordingly, actual results may differ and the difference could be material.

#### Credit risk

As at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013, the Portfolio did not have any significant exposure to credit risk.

#### Securities lending

The Portfolio had assets involved in securities lending transactions outstanding as at December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 as follows:

	Aggregate Value of Securities on Loan (\$)	Aggregate Value of Collateral Received for the Loan (\$)
December 31, 2014	40,602	42,945
December 31, 2013	12,586	13,396
January 1, 2013	3,540	3,741

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#### Concentration risk

The following is a summary of the Portfolio's concentration risk:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013	Jan. 1 <i>,</i> 2013
Equities			
Consumer Discretionary	16.2%	13.9%	14.1%
Consumer Staples	0.8%	1.6%	%
Energy	4.4%	11.3%	11.3%
Financials	12.9%	13.2%	14.2%
Health Care	24.9%	20.3%	14.7%
Industrials	12.3%	13.2%	19.2%
Information Technology	21.2%	16.9%	21.1%
Materials	%	2.9%	0.7%
Telecommunication			
Services	4.3%	3.4%	1.5%
Other Assets Less			
Liabilities	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

## (g) Financial assets and financial liabilities Categories of financial assets and financial liabilities

The table below shows the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013	Jan. 1, 2013
Financial assets designated as FVTPL	191,146	160,011	29,771
Loans and receivables Financial liabilities measured	1,702	1,539	21
at amortized cost	640	3,770	747

## Net gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Net realized gains (losses) on financial assets at FVTPL		
Designated at FVTPL	16,025	13,447
	16,025	13,447
Total net realized gains (losses) on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL	16,025	13,447

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on financial assets at FVTPL		
Designated as at FVTPL	708	26,793
	708	26,793
Total change in unrealized gains (losses) on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL	708	26,793

#### (h) Fair value hierarchy

The Portfolio classifies its financial instruments into three levels based on the inputs used to value the financial instruments. Level 1 securities are valued based on quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 securities are valued based on significant observable market inputs, such as quoted prices from similar securities and quoted prices in inactive markets or based on observable inputs to models. Level 3 securities are valued based on significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Manager's determination of assumptions that market participants might reasonably use in valuing the securities. The tables below show the relevant disclosure.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
188,334	2,812	_	191,146
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
158,471	1.540	_	160,011
	188,334 Level 1	188,334 2,812	188,334 2,812 — Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

As at Jan. 1, 2013				
Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equity Securities	29,180	591	_	29,771

#### Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between levels during the periods.

#### (i) Transition to IFRS

The differences between the Portfolio's Canadian GAAP accounting policies and IFRS requirements resulted in measurement and classification differences on transition to IFRS. The net impact of these differences was recorded in opening Net Assets as of January 1, 2013.

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The following information reflects the Portfolio's transition elections under IFRS 1, First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS 1"), the standard for first-time adoption and the significant accounting changes resulting from our adoption of IFRS. The general principle under IFRS 1 is retroactive application, such that the Portfolio's opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2013 was restated as though the Portfolio has always applied IFRS with the net impact shown as an adjustment to opening Net Assets.

## **Transition elections**

The Portfolio had applied the voluntary exemption upon transition to designate financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL. All financial assets designated at FVTPL upon transition were previously recorded at fair value under Canadian GAAP as required by Accounting Guideline 18, Investment Companies.

### Statement of cash flows

Under Canadian GAAP, the Portfolio was exempt from providing a Statement of Cash Flows. IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1"), requires that a Statement of Cash Flows be presented as part of a complete set of financial statements. As such, the Portfolio has presented a Statement of Cash Flows in the annual financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

## Classification of redeemable units issued by the Portfolio

Under Canadian GAAP, redeemable units of the Portfolio were presented as Net Assets. IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation ("IAS 32"), however, requires an assessment to determine whether the units issued to unitholders are puttable instruments that qualify for equity classification. The Portfolio's units do not meet the criteria in IAS 32 for equity classification and therefore, have been reclassified as financial liabilities on transition to IFRS and presented on the Statement of Financial Position as Net Assets.

#### **Reclassification adjustments**

In addition to the measurement adjustments noted above, the Portfolio reclassified certain amounts upon transition in order to conform its financial statement presentation under IFRS. Under Canadian GAAP, the Portfolio presented withholding taxes by netting them against investment income, whereas they have been reclassified and presented separately as an expense under IFRS.

#### **Revaluation of investments at FVTPL**

Canadian GAAP required the use of bid prices for long positions and ask prices for short positions in determining fair valuation of investments traded in an active market, rather than the use of close prices used for the purpose of determining NAV. IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13"), requires that if an asset or a liability has a bid price and an ask price, then its fair value is to be based on a price within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value. The standard also allows the use of mid-market pricing or other pricing conventions that are used by market participants as a practical expedient for fair value measurements within a bid-ask spread. Upon adoption of IFRS, the Portfolio has determined that for traded securities, close prices on the reporting date are considered to be fair value, if they fall within the bid-ask spread. See Note 3 for the Portfolio's fair value measurement policy.

#### Reconciliation of Net Assets as reported under Canadian GAAP to IFRS

As at	Dec. 31, 2013	Jan. 1, 2013
Net assets representing unitholders' equity under Canadian GAAP	165,352	30,729
Revaluation of investments at FVTPL	106	20
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	165,458	30,749

## Reconciliation of increase (decrease) in net assets reported under Canadian GAAP to IFRS

For the period ended	Dec. 31, 2013
Increase in net assets from operations under	
Canadian GAAP	39,292
Revaluation of investments at FVTPL	87
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of	
redeemable units	39,379

## (j) Subsequent events

#### Portfolio name change

Effective February 2, 2015, the Portfolio name changed from BMO Harris U.S. Special Equity Portfolio to BMO Private U.S. Special Equity Portfolio.

#### Manager name change

Effective February 2, 2015, the Manager changed its name from BMO Harris Investment Management Inc. to BMO Private Investment Counsel Inc. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by an affiliate of the Manager and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolios. Management is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements.

The affiliate of the Manager maintains appropriate processes to ensure that relevant and reliable information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgements. The significant accounting policies which management believes are appropriate for the Portfolio are described in Note 2 of the financial statements. The Trustee (BMO Trust Company) is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Trustee reviews the financial statements of the Portfolios, adequacy of the internal controls, the audit process and financial reporting with management and external auditors.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is the external auditor of the Portfolios. The auditor has been appointed by Board of the Manager and of the Trustees and cannot be changed without the prior approval for the Independent Review Committee and 60 days notice to the Unitholders. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada to enable them to express to the unitholders their opinion on the financial statements. Their report is included as an integral part of the financial statements.

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